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No. 282.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

FIVE DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
ARE now showing a Large and Varied Assortment of

T. O. Y. S.
Comprising:
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DOLLS.
NOVELTIES IN MECHANICAL TOYS.
NEW BRICKS AND PUZZLES.
AUTOMATIC CHARIOTS AND WAGONS.
ROCKING AND SPRING HORSES.
CUBES AND MOSAIC BUILDING SETS.
DRUMS, CYMBALS, AND OTHER MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
CHILDREN'S TEA AND TETE A TETE SETS.
PERCUSSION GUNS AND RIFLES.
SWORDS AND HAPPY FAMILIES.
CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS IN VARIETY.
&c., &c., &c.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on **WEDNESDAY**, the 27th day of December, 1882, at THREE P.M., on the Premises,
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
ALL THAT PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND being a PORTION of MARINE LOT No. 87, measuring North, 35 feet, South, 35 feet, East 39 feet, and West 39 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is Registered in the Land Office as Section D of Marine Lot No. 87.
Together with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's Road West, Nos. 15 and 17. Held for the residue of a term of 999 years. Yearly Crown Rent \$41.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to **SHARP, TOLLER, & JOHNSON**, Solicitors for the Mortgagee, or to **J. M. GUEDES**, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1882. [288]

For Sale.

CHRISTMAS,
1882.

As the above Festival is approaching, the Undersigned begs to inform the Community of Hongkong that he is Prepared to Supply **CHRISTMAS CAKES** of the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 10 lbs. ready, on hand, or made to order any weight.

ALSO,
MINCED PIES, ASSORTED TARTS, CAKES, FRENCH BISCUITS, AND RUSKS.

D. NOWROJEE,
GROUND FLOOR, HONGKONG HOTEL,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1882. [284]

KELLY & WALSH
HAVE JUST RECEIVED
EX S.S. "SARPEDON,"
A FRESH STOCK OF

COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.
1 lb. TINS, 1 lb. TINS, 1 lb. BOXES, 1 lb. BOXES.

COPE'S STRAIGHT CUT.
1 lb. BOXES..... 1 lb. BOXES.....

A STOCK OF THE FOLLOWING AMERICAN TOBACCO'S ADAPTED EITHER FOR

PIPES OR CIGARETTES.
RICHMOND GEM MIXTURE.
MILD RICHMOND GEM.

RICHMOND GEM CURLY CUT.
PERIQUE AND VIRGINIA MIXTURE.
OLD RIP LONG CUT.

THE ABOVE ARE IN PACKETS AT 15 CENTS, 25 CENTS, & 35 CENTS EACH.

KELLY AND WALSH'S SPECIALTIES.
HAPPY THOUGHT—The favourite Tobacco in the East, Medium Strength, in Tins at \$1.50.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD-OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAVA-WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

R ECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.
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NOTICE.
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

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WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [51]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR,
No. 13, POTTINGER STREET.

M. M. ROBIN
(LATE OF T. M. LAWSON'S CALCUTTA).

TAILOR—Shirt and Brocade Maker, and General Quilter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

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"NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT OF TOYS AND NOVELTIES

IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICAN GOODS, VERY SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

ALSO
Just Opened
NEW NOVELS IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS, PICKWICK PAPERS,

AND A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882. [661]

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE IN THE EAST.

FOR BOOKS, STATIONERY, MUSIC AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, FANCY GOODS, ARTISTS MATERIALS, &c., &c., &c.

W. BREWER.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

JUST RECEIVED,
TRANSLATIONS OF ZOLA'S NOVELS, INCLUDING POT BOUILLE, NANA, L'ASSOMMOIR.

Balzac's Droll Stories, Hawells' Engineers' Pocket Book, Miss Bird's Travels in Japan, Cheap ed. Hill's Manual of Social and Business Forms, Ingersoll's Lectures, "Ghosts," "Gods," &c., &c., Ruskin's Works complete, in 15 vols.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. MAX CARL JOHANN GROTE has been Authorized to Sign our Firm in Hongkong and China from this date.

MELCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1882. [772]

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE AND FIXTURES of the FIRM of DE SOUZA & CO., PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG; and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GUEDES.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [817]

NOTICE.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Society's Head Office, Hongkong, TO-MORROW, the 20th day of December, 1882, at FOUR o'CLOCK, in the AFTERNOON, when the Subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.

That each of the Existing \$5,000 Shares of the Society be divided into Four Shares of \$1,250, upon each of which the sum of \$125 shall be credited as paid up.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [805]

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. McLARIN,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd instant, until the 8th proximo, both days included.

(Signed) **W. SIDNEY BAMSEY**,

Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1882. [827]

WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER.

Address—

M. E. G.

Care of Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [816]

WANTED.

A N ENGAGEMENT, either as BOOKKEEPER OR GENERAL ASSISTANT, by a Gentleman, who has a few hours during the day, disengaged.

In case full office hours is required, arrangements might be made with a few days notice. Good references. Salary no object.

Apply to

F. E. G.

Care of his Office.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [743]

WANTED.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

SUMMARY

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

Invitations.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.

SEASON 1882-3.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

INSPECTION is invited of our collection of CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS which have been carefully selected in London from the stocks of various makers.

THEY INCLUDE CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS
FROM

MARCUS WARD AND DE LA RUE,
HAND PAINTINGS

CARD, IVORY, OAK AND IVORINE
AND
OTHER NOVELTIES.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
CHEMISTS, PERFUMERS, &c.
HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG. [43]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the Manager, *Hongkong Telegraph*, and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige at once communicating with the Manager.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

NOTWITHSTANDING the big bid made for notoriety at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Wednesday last by the Hon. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, and the persistency with which the junior unofficial member thrust himself and his opinions before the assembly, it must be admitted that he only played a very minor rôle in the afternoon's performance. The hero of the day was unquestionably that one bright, particular star of our local government employs the Honourable—we had almost written and Reverend—JOHN MACNEILE PRICE, Surveyor General of Hongkong. This clever master of the difficult art of diplomacy, apparently anxious to let off a pent-up deluge of rhetorical fireworks, by a piece of about the most bare-faced jobbery we have yet seen exhibited at any meeting of our local senate—and to which we will presently further allude—gained his opportunity, obtained unheard-of license from his complacent and accommodating superior, and after a most eloquent harangue, which for bitter invective, only partially concealed by innuendo, against the Governor, has probably never been equalled in the history of the Colony, and a rather pitiful display of vulgar self-flaunting, posed before the community and the world as an injured martyr, the innocent victim of Pox HENNESSY's high-handed duplicity.

The Great Tragedian, BANDMANN, presented a touching spectacle when he appeared in Shakespeare's sublime tragedy Hamlet as the melancholy Dane, with his suit of sables, and black thread gloves complete, and with a crystal dewdrop of abnormal size, a conspicuous pendant to his still more conspicuous olfactory organ; but compared with patient official martyrdom on a monument of his own manufacture as represented by Mr. J. M. PRICE, BANDMANN, the eminent and chaste, sinks into utter insignificance. It was indeed a heart-rending sight to see the deeply injured Surveyor General with that sad and plaintive expression on his noble countenance, revealing how much he had suffered on becoming acquainted with the Governor's peccadilloes; and to hear his beautifully modulated voice playfully oiling up against His Excellency with daring irony and all the skill of a prepared and practised orator, by the media of insinuations, innuendoes, and direct accusations—an indictment of so serious a character, that were it true of a whole, or even in part, Sir John Pox HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before the information regarding

Service would have parted company long ere now. But, is the indictment which has cost Mr. J. M. PRICE so much labour and study, so much research and scheming, and so much histrionic eloquence, true or even partially true? Ay, there's the rub. Mr. Surveyor General and gentlemen of the Hongkong Legislative Council. If these things uttered by this officer against his absent superior are true, and they ought to be, to justify Mr. PRICE, so perfect in their absolute accuracy as to deviate neither one way or the other to the extent of a single detail, the community of Hongkong, Her Majesty's Government, the citizens of the Mauritius and the British nation, require proofs, not mere insinuations unsupported by a title of reliable evidence; and it is for the Administrator of Hongkong to see that such proofs are forthcoming. Mr. J. M. PRICE of all men in the world ought to know that *la crâne de l'ordinaire fait qu'on s'y accoutume et que chacun la mître*.

It is one thing dealing with a harmless gentleman of the type of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, but quite another when your opponent is a clever and not over scrupulous politician like Mr. JOHN MACNEILE PRICE. The unofficial member belongs to a class of aspirants for public fame which was well described by JOHN BRIGHT when he alluded to Sir CHARLES ADDERLEY, then President of the Board of Trade, as a dull man, a pedlar in political vapidities. But Mr. Johnson's ally in this latest "put-up job" is a person of considerable attainments, whose career in Hongkong is a history of itself. Mr. J. M. PRICE is far and away the cleverest of all our heads of departments, and the best estimate of his abilities may be formed from the undoubted fact that in the inner mysteries of official diplomacy he has always run a good second to the Governor himself, and in a few instances he has even succeeded in getting the weather gage of that wily disciple of BENJAMIN DISRAELI. The "put-up job" above referred to, is the barefaced medium introduced for the purpose of giving the Surveyor General the opportunity of "making a public statement as to the large public works he has in hand, or has orders to carry out;" or, to speak more plainly, to make a most scandalous attack on the policy of the absent Governor of the Colony; an attack so violent, venomous, prejudiced, and unjust, so subversive of all the rules and regulations of government, and so audacious and unheard-of in the colonial history of the empire, that we cannot think Mr. J. M. PRICE has heard the last of his bold but somewhat imprudent course of action. Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, addressing the Administrator said—

"The question I have given notice of is to ask the Surveyor-General whether in connection with the Tytan water-works he has taken into consideration the recommendation as to the establishment of public lavatories in the colony. I ventured some months ago in the Chamber to call attention to this same subject, and I am glad to find in Mr. CHADWICK's report that he supports the recommendation. Any one who sees how the streams which fall down the north side of the island are polluted by the washermen, and the straits to which these people are reduced in the dry season, must be satisfied that the sanitation of the colony would be improved if some such system as that recommended by Mr. CHADWICK were adopted." Thereupon His Excellency called upon the Surveyor-General to answer the question of his hon. friend, and to make a statement as to the large public works he had in hand, or had orders to carry out, as such statement would be interesting both to the Council and the public. And then Mr. PRICE commenced his greatest public attack on the character and policy of Governor HENNESSY. The Administrator was probably correct in saying that Mr. PRICE's statement as to the public works he had in hand, and had orders to carry out, would be interesting to the public, but his action was nevertheless as singular as we believe, it was unprecedented in the history of the Colony; and we cannot but think that he laid himself open to severe censure in permitting the Surveyor-General to wander at will from his subject for the express purpose of accusing, blackguarding, and vilifying the officer who is still the Governor of Hongkong.

After a very careful perusal and analysis of the Hon. J. M. PRICE's exhibition of trumpet-blowing, one is rather astounded at the actual results of so much talk, apart from the covert attack on the Governor. If the Surveyor-General intended, as requested by the Administrator, to afford the Council and the public some interesting information relating to the great works now in hand, he evidently forgot the ostensible purpose of his speech, in his anxiety to blacken the fair fame of his former friend and patron. Everything that Mr. PRICE said against Sir John Pox HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before the information regarding

the Tytan Water Works, the Lock Hospital, the new Lunatic Asylum, the Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory, excepting the lavish praises the modest orator showered on himself, is "stale, flat, and unprofitable." It was no doubt effective and quite theatrical for Mr. PRICE, in reply to the Administrator, to triumphantly announce that the work on the Tytan scheme was in hand, and that a commencement on the Hospital had been made that morning; but this style of playing to the gallery is somewhat too well known to be taken without a very large grain of salt. The stale dodge of endeavoring to make it appear that Governor HENNESSY had purposely lied to Earl KIMBERLEY, on the subject of the conversion of the Lock Hospital into a General Hospital is quite unworthy of such a subtle diplomat's talents. It could only mislead and deceive those who had an interest in being, or wished to be deceived and misled.

In the face of the decision of Lord KIMBERLEY, and notwithstanding that the Tytan Water Works have been actually commenced, we have good grounds for believing that Governor HENNESSY's opinion that Mr. PRICE's water supply projects are not needed in Hongkong and are far too costly, is the view of nearly all the intelligent residents of this Colony. The Tytan Water scheme is the most gigantic piece of humbug that has ever been foisted on an indifferent government, and an easy

going community. It may possibly prove an everlasting monument to Mr. J. M. PRICE, and an evidence of the utter imbecility of the government that sanctioned such a monstrous waste of public money. The only reason advanced as an argument in favor of the necessity for this scheme is contained in Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's rather ingenuous explanation of his former opposition to it on the ground of its extravagance, and is to the effect that the funds at the disposal of the Colony amount to over a million dollars. Professionals laugh, as well they may, at Mr. J. M. PRICE's nonsensical technicalities. The Lock Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory need not be specially alluded to. As Mr. PRICE is paid for superintending the public works of this Colony, we are really unable to see any grounds on which he can base claims to public gratitude.

In concluding his oration the Surveyor General said—"There is, of course, an undue amount of work of an ordinary nature which has devolved on the department over which I have the honour to preside, in consequence of the niggardly policy observed towards public works during the late administration. In conclusion, I have to express the hope that we have passed through a period of magnificient intentions to one of sober, earnest, unpretentious, action, and I have no doubt if I continue to be honoured with your Excellency's confidence, and if I can merit that of your Excellency's successor and retain that of members of this Council, I may yet do much during the next twelve months to retrieve the deplorable inaction of the past." Let us at once frankly admit that these final observations, considered as a peroration, are worthy of all praise. But to be just it is only fair to show that they are rhetorical fustian, or in other words, cant and humbug. What does Mr. PRICE mean by "the deplorable inaction of the past?" Is it not a fact that the honorable gentleman arrived in Hongkong in January 1873, four years before the advent of Governor HENNESSY? What works did Mr. PRICE carry out from 1873 to 1877; and what did he accomplish from 1877 until he left for home two years ago? Why were these wonderful works, which were so urgently needed according to the Surveyor-General, not commenced before 1877? And above all, when Mr. JOHN MACNEILE PRICE was emulating the "old man eloquent," why did he not explain his reason for pigeon-holing the Breakwater papers and plans? And why did he not sing a paean in his own praise at the success (?) of that extraordinary work of scientific imagination?

A few short years ago Mr. PRICE was Governor HENNESSY's closest friend and most servile follower. It is not worth while going into the reasons which led to the final "burst-up" between the pair, and we only refer to it to show how men will change with time, and to afford those who may not be acquainted with the past, a fair opportunity of judging the Surveyor-General's attack on the Governor on its due merits. We think Mr. PRICE has been ill-advised. If he imagines that the people of Hongkong are to be gullied by his plausible oratory he is easily mistaken. We do homage to this accomplished government servant's vast ability; but we beg leave to take exception to his policy with regard to his superiors, and consider that his remarks at the last meeting of the Legislative Council were of a most unjustifiable and reprehensible character, which the Secretary of State for the Colonies will scarcely permit to pass unnoticed.

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TELEGRAMS.

SIR CHARLES DILKE A CABINET MINISTER.
LONDON, December 18th.

Sir Charles Dilke will enter the Cabinet shortly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 17th December, 1882.—European 180, Chinese 2,479; total 2,668.

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TELEGRAMS were received in Shanghai yesterday, says the Shanghai Mercury of the 14th inst., announcing the unexpected freezing over of the Peiho. In consequence of the sudden change in the weather, two steamers, the *El Dorado* and *Pautah*, were unable to get away. The *Pautah* was nipped at the double Bend, and the *El Dorado* at the Nine Forts. It is not known whether the steamers were outward or inward bound at the time the ice-pinned them-in.

A TYPE-SLINGER named Phillip Lui, whose name is not altogether unfamiliar to us, was cast in a fine of 50 cents this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for allowing fire-water to so master him yesterday as to render him oblivious of the fact that he was knocking about the public streets in the condition known to the police as "incapable." We remember reading something in ancient history about Phillip drunk and Phillip sober, the object being to shew that they were two quite different individuals, and doubtless Phillip the type-slinger stands in the same position, and may be an excellent setter-up of "copy" and an estimable member of society when not under the domination of Bacchus.

A REMAND from the 13th instant of the case in which Inspector Lee charged his "boy" on suspicion of annexing 51 Mexicans belonging to him (Lee), having failed to throw any light on the subject of the whereabouts of the dollars, or as to the artful rascal who appropriated them, though suspicion points strongly to the servant as the culprit. Mr. Wodehouse discharged the defendant this morning, upon his own recognition in \$20 to appear in *propria persona* to answer any charge Inspector Lee or any other, Inspector, sergeant, or constable may bring against him during the next three months. Celestial "boys" ever holding their personal recognizance as too sacred a thing to be violated or ignored, we have no doubt Inspector Lee's servant will run at a break-neck pace to the station and give himself up immediately; he fears there is any chance of a sustainable charge being brought against him.

A SPECIAL issue of the *Government Gazette*, circulated this morning, says:—Whereas by section 25 of Ordinance 8 of 1879, it is provided that whenever the Governor in Council has reasonable cause for believing that any country or place is infected with any infectious or contagious disease, he may make such regulations concerning vessels arriving from such country or place as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony. And whereas by an order of the Governor in Council bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, Manila was declared to be a place infected with an infectious disease, viz. cholera: And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that Manila is no longer infected, it is hereby ordered that the said order bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, shall from this date cease to apply in respect of Manila: Provided that this order shall not affect the liability of any person in respect of anything done, in breach of the said order whilst the same was in force.

COMPLAINTS respecting the want of system in sweeping the streets of the colony are becoming too frequent to be any longer ignored. A correspondent writes that on Sunday last, whilst journeying along the Praya, when about 100 yards from the Harbour office, he was much annoyed by the dust raised by seven or eight miserable-looking scavengers who were engaged in their usual occupation at the unseemly hour of 1.30 p.m. We confess that the complainant does not send his growl without good cause, for we have recently observed that the coolies employed in keeping the streets clean seem to be of opinion that the greater the dirt they raise, the better they are doing their work, and this is evident from the fact that the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning; it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract. If, however, he is supposed to have the streets clean at an early hour, it is only right that some one from the active ranks of our local service—Mr. Lewis—should have furnished the local press with all necessary particulars. But then, as someone may say, Hongkong is so conservative, and no doubt it is; but at the same time it could very well afford to lose a good deal of its abominable so-called conservatism and be none the poorer for the loss. However, we can give a pretty accurate guess as to the nominators; and also the number of nominations. A new addition to the active ranks of our local service—Mr. Lewis—will be a small matter; does not bring him a single race, as the young gentleman and the dun griffin, alluded to in "An Old Sportsman's" notes on Saturday last, made another exhibition of themselves this morning; and they will certainly come to grief one of these days.

Exactly thirty nominations have been taken out for the Hongkong Derby of 1883, which is just the number, we estimated. The worthy C. C. is as tight as wax as to the nominators, although we really cannot see why there should be any secret about the matter. The nominations for races at home are always published in the newspapers, and as it would no doubt interest the public, we think Mr. Lewis should have furnished the local press with all necessary particulars. But then, as someone may say, Hongkong is so conservative, and no doubt it is; but at the same time it could very well afford to lose a good deal of its abominable so-called conservatism and be none the poorer for the loss. However, we can give a pretty accurate guess as to the nominators; and also the number of nominations. A new addition to the active ranks of our local service—Mr. Lewis—will be a small matter; does not bring him a single race, as the young gentleman and the dun griffin, alluded to in "An Old Sportsman's" notes on Saturday last, made another exhibition of themselves this morning; and they will certainly come to grief one of these days.

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In the House of Commons on November 9th, Sir J. Peace asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether instructions had been sent to Her Majesty's representative in China authorising him to ratify that portion of the Chefoo Convention which related to the duties on opium in the form in which it appeared in the Convention of 1876, or whether any conditions had been attached to the ratification of that article of the treaty as suggested in the despatch of the Government of India, No. 312, of 1881.—Sir C. Dilke: Sir, T. Wade has returned to this country in order to consult with Her Majesty's Government on the subject, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber, Government offices, this afternoon, the business on the agenda being the second reading of the several bills particularized in our issue of Saturday last, after which the Council was to meet in finance committee for the despatch of financial business. There were present—His Excellency the Administrator (the Hon. W. H. Munro); the Hon. George Phillip, Chief Justice; the Hon. F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Secretary; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney-General; the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General; and the Hon. P. B. Ayres. The following office bearers were invested—

S. W. Bro. E. Georg. J. W. P. J. Jordan. Treasure A. Shepherd. Secretary E. Mackean. S. D. A. Woolley. J. D. G. Balliston. Organist J. S. Brewer. D. C. H. McCallum. Steward H. N. Mody. J. G. E. George. J. R. Grindle. Tyler J. R. Grimble.

The work of levelling and excavating the site of the new Roman Catholic Cathedral in "Glencairn," above the junction of Caine and Abut roads, progresses apace, under the able supervision of the Rev. Father Vigore, who is something of both a civil engineer and an architect. Some 130 men are employed on the site itself. An immense mass of hill, 320 feet long, 60 feet broad, and 48 feet high, has had to be cut away to clear the ground for building upon. By the time Bishop Raimondi arrives—about the 6th or 7th January, as his lordship does not seem to have reached Yokohama by the *Coptic*—no telegram having been received from him—the Rev. Father expects to have everything ready for the laying of the foundation stone by the Bishop. When completed, which it is hoped to be about three years from the present time, the new Cathedral, which will be in the Gothic style, will form a noble addition to the architecture of the Colony. It will be 275 feet long internally, 135 feet broad in the centre, and 68 feet high, the tower, which will be in the front west corner, being 130 feet in height. Windings round the whole extent of the interior there will be a passage 18 feet wide raised off, its length being

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer, *Djennah*, Captain De Boisseuil Baron, with the London mails of the 10th ult., arrived in harbour late yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams appear in the Indian papers:

PARIS, November 22nd.
M. Sotillet, the traveller, has written a letter to a French Deputy stating that the Sultan of Laita has ceded to him the bank of Tijurur in the Gulf of Aden.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 24th.
Disturbances have taken place amongst the students here. Warsaw and Clark's Colleges have been closed; one hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24th.
Montenegro threatens to occupy Kolatchin unless ceded immediately. Turkey has sent troops to the frontier, and has telegraphed the powers regarding the same.

LONDON, November 24th.
Lord Hartington, replying to a question to the House of Commons, said it was not decided to what distance the Railway beyond Sibi towards Kandahar will extend.

November 25th.
The Governor of South Australia has been appointed Governor of New Zealand; the Governor of Western Australia has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

The Duke of Edinburgh is indisposed with an attack of bronchitis.

Mr. Children is in a prostrate state from over-work, and is going abroad.

Sir Andrew Clarke, Inspector general of fortifications and works, has arrived at Cairo to improve the sanitary arrangements of the quarters occupied by British forces.

November 26th.
The Duke of Edinburgh is recovering from his attack of bronchitis.

A detective was shot at and killed by a Fenian at Dublin last evening. The assassin, who was arrested, was dangerously wounded by another detective. Other arrests have been made.

The Queen yesterday invested the recipients of the Orders of the Bath and of the Star of India and St. Michael and St. George.

Mr. Raikes is far ahead of opponents in polling for the Cambridge University.

27th November.
One of the juries in the trial of Michael Walsh, who was sentenced to death last September for shooting Constable Kavanagh at Letterfrack, County Galway, was stabbed yesterday by two assassins in Dublin and mortally wounded.

The assassins effected their escape in a car. A bullet was stabbed later on in Dublin yesterday. Extra police have been put on in Dublin, and the whole force is now armed with revolvers.

Negotiations have been broken off between France and Madagascar. Envys from the Queen of Madagascar arrived in London yesterday.

Lord Salisbury has been presented with the freedom of Edinburgh after several days' stamping in Midlothian.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 27th November.
Asan Pashie has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, November 28th.
The murder of the detective police officer has caused great consternation in Dublin.

It is reported that Montenegro has agreed to compromise respecting Kolatchin.

Parliament is expected to prorogue on Friday next until February.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening, said that the Supplementary Estimate until October 1st amounted to £750,000 for the Army, and £310,000 for the Navy. The actual charge to India was below the estimate, and only amounted to £1,149,000. The total charge to England and India was £4,500,000. He then said that from the 1st October the Egyptian Government would pay the whole or nearly the whole expenses connected with British occupation.

Mr. Raikes has been elected member for the Cambridge University.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 28th.
It is semi-officially stated that the Porte has resolved to maintain Turkish sovereignty in the Red Sea, and to prevent the Chiefs from ceding their territory.

LONDON, November 29th.
Sir C. Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons last night, said that the Russian troops had advanced as far as Gavours, which is situated between Astrabad and Baba Urma, and that the Russian Cavalry had traversed the country from Atak to Beregen. He said it is not believed that the Russian troops had reached Merv.

A Proclamation has been issued enforcing the Curfew Clause of the Coercion Act in Dublin.

A reward of £5,000 has been offered for the murderer of the burglar in the Welsh trial.

Lord Granville, replying to a deputation, said he was unaware of the existence of any treaty conceding to the French the protectorate over Madagascar.

The Native Indian officers leave England today for Bombay.

CAIRO, November 28th.
Lord Dufferin has advised the Egyptian Government to drop the charges against Arabi in connexion with the massacres and burnings in Alexandria.

MADRAS, November 27th.

It is considered probable that the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Pava in Command of the Mysore Division at Bangalore. General Pava's term has expired, but he will probably remain till the arrival of the Duke, who would have the advantage of serving under Sir Frederick Roberts.

LONDON, November 29th.
The health of the troops in Egypt is improving.

Sir A. D. Heyter, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the officers of the British army of occupation in Egypt receive a daily extra allowance of three shillings, which is chargeable to the Egyptian Government.

The Bishop of Oxford is very ill.

M. Lesseps has declared that the Suez Canal Company intend spending 30 millions of francs in widening and deepening the Canal so as to raise the tonnage to six millions annually.

December 1st.
Mr. Trevelyan, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the members of the National League continued their inflammatory speeches, the League would be suppressed.

Messrs. Williams and Redmond are to be prosecuted, and Messrs. Davitt and Healy are to be bound to good behaviour.

Sir Charles Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the Egyptian Government had applied for some British officers for the Egyptian army, and that negotiations are now proceeding.

The Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed Vice-Admiral.

The new Turkish Cabinet formed is Anglophile.

The subjoined items of general news are taken from the *London and China Express*, of November 20th.

No progress is being made with the negotiations along with the Madagascar Embassy in Paris.

the Government refusing to recognise the sovereignty of Queen Ronovala over the whole island.

Sir J. Pope Hennessy was among the visitors to the lobby of the House of Commons on the 8th inst.

Mr. C. F. A. Sangster, of the Hongkong Civil Service, has been admitted a student of the Middle Temple.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it was resolved that the Lord Chamberlain should be informed that the board considered the Criterion Theatre in its present structural condition unfit for a place of public entertainment.

It is semi-officially stated that the Turkish Ambassador has not yet preferred any claim to the Foreign Office to insist upon the consent of the Porte to the investiture of the "new" Bey of Tunis, but that any such revival of an obsolete pretension, if made, will be summarily rejected.

The *Lima*, 5 double-screw composite gun-boat, 767 tons, 1,000-horse power, which was commissioned on September 19th, at Chatham, by Commander Hayris, with a crew of eighty-two officers and men, for the China station, to relieve the *Lily*, is now at Portsmouth awaiting her sailing orders.

Among the Hamilton MSS. just sold to the German Government is one written in golden uncial letters on purple velvet, and dated from the seventh century. It is the copy of the Gospel in Latin, presented to Henry VIII, by Leo X, on the occasion of conferring on him the title of Defender of the Faith.

The Earl of Rosse has delivered his inaugural address as rector of the University of Edinburgh, and spoke at some length on patriotism, which he defined as the self-respect of race.

In Scotland, he thought, the spirit of patriotism required direction rather than sustenance. Let them win in the competition of international well-being and prosperity. The standard of mankind was not so exalted but that a higher could be imagined and attained.

The gunboat *Mosquita*, Lieut.-Commander the Hon. F. R. Sandilands, from the China station, the crew of which performed such excellent service in the Egyptian war, was paid off in Devonport dockyard on the 7th instant. The Commander-in-Chief (Sir Houston Stewart) was in the yard as the men were quitting the vessel for their usual six weeks' leave, and shook many of them warmly by the hand as they proceeded through the gates.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1882.

NOTWITHSTANDING the big bid made for notoriety at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Wednesday last by the Hon. F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, and the persistency with which the junior unofficial member thrust himself and his opinions before the assembly, it must be admitted that he only played a very minor rôle in the afternoon's performance. The hero of the day was unquestionably that one bright, particular star of our local government—*employe* the Honourable—we had almost written and Reverend—JOHN MACNEILLE PRICE, Surveyor General of Hongkong. This clever master of the difficult art of diplomacy, apparently anxious to let off a pent-up deluge of rhetorical fireworks, by a place of about the most bare-faced jobbery we have yet seen exhibited at any meeting of our local senate—and to which we will presently further allude—gained his opportunity, obtained unheard-of license from his complacent and accommodating superior, and after a most eloquent harangue, which for bliter invective, only partially concealed by innuendo, against the Governor, has probably never been equalled in the history of the Colony, and a rather pitiful display of vulgar self-laudation, posed before the community and the world as an injured martyr, the innocent victim of Pore HENNESSY's high-handed duplicity.

The Great Tragedian, BANDMANN, presented a touching spectacle when he appeared in Shakespeare's sublime tragedy Hamlet as the melancholy Dane, with his air of sables, and black thread gloves complete, and with a crystal dewdrop of abnormal size a conspicuous pendant to his still more conspicuous olfactory organ; but compared with patient official martyrdom on a monument of his own manufacture as represented by Mr. J. M. Price, BANDMANN, the eminent and chaste, sinks into utter insignificance. It was indeed a heart-rending sight to see the deeply injured Surveyor General with that sad and plaintive expression on his noble countenance, revealing how much he had suffered on becoming acquainted with the Governor's peccadilloes, and to hear his beautifully modulated voice playfully piling up against His Excellency, with daring effrontery and all the skill of a prepared and practised orator, by the medium of insinuations, innuendoes, and direct accusations, an indictment of so serious a character, that were it true as a whole, or even in part, Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before; the information regarding

Service would have parted company long ere now. But, is the indictment which has cost Mr. J. M. Price so much labour and study, so much research and scheming, and so much histrionic eloquence, true or even partially true? Ay, there's the rub, Mr. Surveyor General and gentlemen of the Hongkong Legislative Council. If these things uttered by this officer against his absent superior are true, and they ought to be, to justify Mr. Price, so perfect in their absolute accuracy as to deviate neither one way or the other to the extent of a single detail, the community of Hongkong, Her Majesty's Government, the citizens of the Mauritius and the British nation, require proofs—not mere insinuations unsupported by a title of reliable evidence; and it is for the Administrator of Hongkong to see that such proofs are forthcoming. Mr. J. M. Price of all men in the world ought to know that *la croisière fait que l'on s'y accoste et que chacun la méprise*.

It is one thing dealing with a harmless gentleman of the type of Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, but quite another when your opponent is a clever and not over scrupulous politician like Mr. JOHN MACNEILLE PRICE. The unofficial member belongs to a class of aspirants for public fame which was well described by JOHN BRIGHT when he alluded to Sir CHARLES ADDERLEY, then President of the Board of Trade, as a dull man, pedlar in political vapidities. But Mr. Johnson's ally in this latest "put-up job" is a person of considerable attainments, whose career in Hongkong is a history of itself. Mr. J. M. Price is far and away the cleverest of all our heads of departments, and the best estimate of his abilities may be formed from the undoubted fact that in the inner mysteries of official diplomacy he has always run a good second to the Governor himself, and in a few instances he has even succeeded in getting the weather gauge of that wily disciple of BENJAMIN DISRAELI. The "put-up job" above referred to, is the barefaced medium introduced for the purpose of giving the Surveyor General the opportunity of making a public statement as to the large public works he has in hand, or has orders to carry out—or, to speak more plainly, to make a most scandalous attack on the policy of the absent Governor of the Colony; an attack so violent, venomous, prejudiced, and unjust, so subversive of all the rules and regulations of government, and so audacious and unheard-of in the colonial history of the empire, that we cannot think Mr. J. M. Price has heard the last of his bold but somewhat imprudent course of action. Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON, addressing the Administrator said—"The question I have given notice of is to ask the Surveyor-General whether in connection with the Tytan, water-works he has taken into consideration the recommendation as to the establishment of public lavatories in the colony. I ventured some months ago in the Chamber to call attention to this same subject, and I am glad to find in Mr. CHADWICK's report that he supports the recommendation. Any one who sees how the streams which fall down the north side of the island are polluted by the washermen, and the straits to which these people are reduced in the dry season, must be satisfied that the sanitation of the colony would be improved if some such system as that recommended

by Mr. CHADWICK were adopted." Thereupon His Excellency called upon the Surveyor-General to answer the question of his hon. friend, and to make a statement as to the large public works he had in hand, or had orders to carry out, as such statement would be interesting both to the Council and the public. And then Mr. Price commenced his greatest public attack on the character and policy of Governor HENNESSY. The Administrator was probably correct in saying that Mr. Price's statement as to the public works he had in hand, and had orders to carry out, would be interesting to the public, but his action was nevertheless as singular as singular can be, he belied, it was unprecedented in the history of the Colony; and we cannot but think that he laid himself open to severe censure in permitting the Surveyor-General to wander at will from his subject for the express purpose of accusing blackguarding, and vilifying the officer who is still the Governor of Hongkong.

After a very careful perusal and analysis of the Hon. J. M. Price's exhibition of trumpet-blowing, one is rather astounded at the actual results of so much talk, apart from the covert attacks on the Governor. If the Surveyor-General intended, as requested by the Administrator, to afford the Council and the public some interesting information relating to the great works now in hand, he evidently forgot the ostensible purpose of his speech in his anxiety to blacken the fair fame of his former friend and patron. Everything that Mr. Price said against Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY has been repeated times out of number before; the information regarding

the Tytan Water Works, the Lock Hospital, the new Lunatic Asylum, the Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory, excepting the lavish praises the modest orator showered on himself, is "stale, flat, and unprofitable." It was no doubt effective and quite theatrical for Mr. Price, in reply to the Administrator, to triumphantly announce that the work on the Tytan scheme was in hand, and that a commencement on the Hospital had been made that morning; but this style of playing to the gallery is somewhat too well known to be taken without a very large grain of salt. The stale dodge of endeavoring to make it appear that Governor HENNESSY had purposely lied to Earl KIMBERLEY on the subject of the conversion of the Lock Hospital into a General Hospital is quite unworthy of such a subtle diplomatist's talents. It could only mislead and deceive those who had an interest in being, or wished to be deceived and misled.

In the face of the decision of Lord KIMBERLEY, and notwithstanding that the Tytan Water Works have been actually commenced, we have good grounds for believing that Governor HENNESSY's opinion that Mr. Price's water supply projects are not needed in Hongkong and are far too costly, in view of nearly all the intelligent residents of this Colony. The Tytan Water scheme is the most gigantic piece of humbug that has ever been foisted on an indifferent government, and an easy-going community. It may possibly prove an everlasting monument to Mr. J. M. Price, and an evidence of the utter imbecility of the government that sanctioned such monstrous waste of public money. The only reason advanced as an argument in favor of the necessity for this scheme is contained in Mr. BULKELEY JOHNSON's rather ingenuous explanation of his former opposition to it on the ground of its extravagance, and is to the effect that the funds at the disposal of the Colony, amount to over a million dollars. Professionals laugh, as well they may, at Mr. J. M. Price's nonsensical technicalities. The Lock Hospital, Lunatic Asylum, Public Mortuary, and Meteorological Observatory need not be specially alluded to. As Mr. Price is paid for superintending the public works of this Colony, we are really unable to see any grounds on which he can base claims to public gratitude.

In concluding his oration the Surveyor-General said—"There is, of course, an undue amount of work of an ordinary nature which has devolved on the department over which I have the honour to preside, in consequence of the niggardly policy observed towards public works during the late administration. In conclusion, I have to express the hope that we have passed through a period of magnificent intentions to one of sober, earnest, unpretentious, action, and I have no doubt if I continue to be honoured with your Excellency's confidence, and if I can merit that of your Excellency's successor, and retain that of members of this Council, I may yet do much during the next twelve months to retrieve the deplorable inaction of the past."—Let us at once frankly admit that these final observations, considered as a peroration, are worthy of all praise. But to be just it is only fair to show that they are rhetorical fustian, or in other words, cant and humbug. What does Mr. Price mean by "the deplorable inaction of the past?" Is it not a fact that the honorable gentle-

man arrived in Hongkong in January 1873, four years before the advent of Governor HENNESSY? What works did Mr. Price carry out from 1873 to 1877, and what did he accomplish from 1877 until he left for home two years ago? Why were these wonderful works, which were so urgently needed according to the Surveyor-General, not commenced before 1877? And above all, when Mr. JOHN MACNEILLE Price was emulating the "old man eloquent," why did he not explain his reason for pigeon-holing the Breakwater papers and plans? And why did he not sing a paean in his own praise at the success (?) of that extraordinary work of scientific imagination?

A few short years ago Mr. Price was Governor HENNESSY's closest friend and most servile follower. It is not worth while going into the reasons which led to the final "burst-up" between the pair; and we only refer to it to show how men will change with time, and to afford those who may not be acquainted with the past, a fair opportunity of judging the Surveyor-General's attack on the Governor on its due merits. We think Mr. Price has been ill advised. If he imagines that the people of Hongkong are to be gullied by his plausible oratory he is sadly mistaken. We do homage to this accomplished government servant's vast ability; but we beg leave to take exception to his policy with regard to his superior officer, and consider that his remarks at the last meeting of the Legislative Council were of a most unjustifiable and reprehensible character, which the Secretary of State for the Colonies will scarcely permit to pass unnoticed.

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TELEGRAMS.

SIR CHARLES DILKE A CABINET MINISTER.

LONDON, December 18th.

Sir Charles Dilke will enter the Cabinet shortly.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

RETURN of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 17th December, 1882:—European 189, Chinese 2,479; total 2,668.

A LODGE OF EMERGENCY OF ZETLAND, No. 545, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

A LODGE OF EMERGENCY OF UNITED SERVICE, No. 1341, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday evening next the 23rd instant, at 7.30 for 8 o'clock precisely.

THE MEMBERS of the Canton Amateur Theatrical Society will give a performance on Friday evening the 22nd inst. We have not received a programme, but understand that the *pice de résistance* will be Henry J. Byron's popular burlesque, "Faust and Marguerite." The committee having kindly favored us with a ticket, we hope to be present at the entertainment.

TELEGRAMS were received in Shanghai yesterday, says the Shanghai *Mercury* of the 14th inst., announcing the unexpected freezing over of the Peiho. In consequence of the sudden change in the weather, two steamers, the *El Dorado* and *Pantah*, were unable to get away. The *Pantah* was nipped at the double Bend, and the *El Dorado* at the Nine Forts. It is not known whether the steamers were outward or inward bound at the time the ice pinned them in.

A TYPE-SLINGER named Phillip Luz, whose name is not altogether unfamiliar to us, was cast in a fine of 50 cents this morning by Mr. Wodehouse for allowing fire-water to so master him yesterday as to render him oblivious of the fact that he was knocking about the public streets in the condition known to the police as "incapable." We remember reading something in ancient history about Phillip drunk and Phillip sober, the object being to show that they were two quite different individuals, and doubtless Phillip the type-slinger stands in the same position, and may be an excellent set-up of "copy" and an estimable member of society when not under the domination of Bacchus.

A REMAND from the 13th instant of the case in which Inspector Lee charged his "boy" on suspicion of annexing 51 Mexicanas belonging to him (Lee), having failed to throw any light on the subject of the whereabouts of the dollars, or as to the artful rascal who appropriated them, though suspicion points strongly to the servant as the culprit, Mr. Wodehouse discharged the defendant this morning, upon his own recognition in \$20 to appear in *propria persona* to answer any charge Inspector Lee or any other Inspector, sergeant, or constable may bring against him during the next three months. Celestial "boys," ever holding their personal recognition as too sacred a thing to be violated or ignored, we have no doubt Inspector Lee's servant will run at a break-neck pace to the station and give himself up immediately he learns there is any chance of a sustainable charge being brought against him.

A SPECIAL issue of the *Government Gazette*, circulated this morning, says—Whereas by section 25 of Ordinance 8 of 1879, it is provided that whenever the Governor in Council has reasonable cause for believing that any country or place is infected with any infectious or contagious disease, he may make such regulations concerning vessels arriving from such country or place as he thinks necessary for preserving the public health of the Colony. And whereas by an order of the Governor in Council bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, Manila was declared to be a place infected with an infectious disease, viz., cholera: And whereas it has been made to appear to the Governor in Council that Manila is no longer infected, it is hereby ordered that the said order bearing date the 5th day of October, 1882, shall from this date cease to apply.

COMPLAINTS respecting the want of system in sweeping the streets of the colony are becoming too frequent to be any longer ignored. A correspondent writes that on Sunday last, whilst journeying along the Praya, when about two yards from the Harbour office, he was much annoyed by the dust raised by seven or eight miserable-looking scavengers who were engaged in their usual occupation at the unseemly hour of 1.30 p.m. We confess that the complainant does not send his growl without good cause, for we have recently observed that the cooler employed in keeping the streets clean seem to be of opinion that the greater the dust they raise, the better they are doing their work, and this is evident from the fact that the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning, it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract. If, however, he is supposed to have the streets clean at an early hour, it is only right that some one from the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning, it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract. If, however, he is supposed to have the streets clean at an early hour, it is only right that some one from the scavenging contractor is not required to have his work finished by a reasonable hour in the morning, it is quite time that some alteration were made in the contract.

THE weather was again fearfully raw at daylight this morning, and consequently a limited number of "sports" lodged an appearance at Wong-nei-chong. Proceedings there were of course rather uninteresting, the gossip round the coffee-table about the number of nominations, prospects of a grand race for the Derby, and kindred subjects, attracting far more attention than the work done by the various ponies. Mr. Henry's racers made their first appearance on the course, where, ridden by the veterans Joe, Foxhound, Rialto, Incubus, and the two griffins Pelham and Rienzi, went through a fair amount of trotting exercise.

These are all fine looking ponies, and they should

win a lot of races for the popular "mauve and straw" jockey of one of the keenest sportsmen in the Far East. First Comet, Fibber, and other celebrities were at steady exercise. Mr. Lewis's white griffin Whangler overpowered Tientan and galloped nearly six furlongs before being stopped.

This pony got over the ground in very good form. Mr. Capel cantered Blunder Blas the length of the straight, this powerful animal moving in a very suspicious style, and we shall not be surprised to see him break down during training. In any case he is a very much over-rated animal, and will indeed be lucky if he wins a single race. The young gentleman and the sun griffin, alluded to in "An Old Sportsman's" notes on Saturday last, made another exhibition of themselves this morning, and they will certainly come to grief one of these days.

EXACTLY thirty nominations have been taken out for the Hongkong Derby of 1883, which is just the number we estimated. The worthy C. C. is as tight as was the nominator,

although we really cannot see why there should be any secret about the matter. The nominations for races at home are always published in the newspapers, and as it would not do to interest the public, we think Mr. Tripp should have furnished the local press with all necessary particulars. But then, as someone may say, Hongkong is so conservative, and no doubt it is; but at the same time it could very well afford to lose a good deal of its snobbish so-called conservatism and be none the poorer for the loss. However, we can give a pretty accurate guess as to the nominators, and also the number of nominations. A new addition to the active ranks of our local jockeys, Mr. Tashman, heads the poll with seven nominations, three of which, we understand, are specially reserved for another owner, Messrs. Kerfoot, Paul and Gordon, run a dead heat for second place, with four each, and then come Mr. St. Andrew and Mr. Henry, with one less. Messrs. Vincent and Bromhead, two new aspirants for turf honors, are down for a couple each, which brings the total up to 29, and it is just possible that the young "sport" above mentioned has snatched out into a nomination for the short-tailed dual paper-chaser. We can

scarcely calculate upon a large entry, probably not fewer than 20, and with such a powerful opposition we should certainly have, in 1883, the best contested and most exciting Hongkong Derby record.

THE Wenchowites have had their momentary existence stirred in by the publication of a Chinaman, who was some time ago, in a way connected with the Hongkong Riot, who has been tried and condemned for his share in the riot.

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held at the Council Chamber, Government offices, this afternoon, the business on the agenda being the second reading of the several bills particularized in our issue of Saturday last, after which the Council was to meet in finance committee for the despatch of financial business. There were present—His Excellency the Administrator (the Hon. W. Marsh); the Hon. George Phillip, Chief Justice; the Hon. E. L. O'Malley, Attorney-General; the Hon. J. Russell, Colonial Treasurer; the Hon. J. M. Price, Surveyor-General, and the Hon. F. B. Johnson, unofficial members. Mr. Deacon, of the firm of Deacon, Walton-Denby, and Mr. W. Danby, attended in connection with the Tramways bill. The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Clerk of Councils and confirmed, Mr. Johnson, upon a nod from the Administrator, rose and referred to the notice he gave at the last meeting as to certain questions he intended to ask in reference to the smuggling of opium and other goods between this Colony and the mainland, and the acts of violence said to have been committed, and after referring to the report of the Police Inspector at Shau-ki-wan as to an affair between smugglers and the Revenue cutters involving loss of life, expressed his surprise that the Government did not communicate the fact to the Chamber of Commerce. The report, he said, did not, of course, relate to allegations as to naval engagements in the harbour, and was for the most part guess-work on the part of the Inspector. Certain statements in the report were so serious, it was unaccountable the Government did not make a strict inquiry into the whole affair. It was not the duty of this Government to prevent infraction of the Chinese Revenue laws, and so long as chests of opium were charged with so heavy a duty, smuggling would take place, but acts of violence in our jurisdiction ought to be put down. If the statements in Mr. Clegg's report, and those in Sir John Pope Hennessy's Nottingham address are true, the responsibility rested on the Government of the Colony. His honourable friend on his left (Mr. Kyri) objected to the blockade, not because it prevented smuggling, but because dues were levied in excess of what was right. He (Mr. Johnson) believed the statements made were grossly exaggerated, and it was high time an inquiry into all the facts should take place. Instead of putting the questions of which he had given notice, he would ask that a Commission of Inquiry be appointed,

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NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer *Djenah*, Captain De Boissell Barou, with the London mails of the 10th ult., arrived in harbour late yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams appear in the Indian papers:—

PARIS, November 22nd. M. Sotillet, the traveller, has written a letter to a French Deputy stating that the Sultan of India has ceded to him the bank of Tajurrah in the Gulf of Aden.

ST. PETERSBURG, November 24th. Disturbances have taken place amongst the students here.—Warsaw and Clark Colleges have been closed; one hundred students have been arrested in St. Petersburg.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 24th. Montenegro threatens to occupy Kralatich unless ceded immediately. Turkey has sent troops to the frontier, and had telegraphed the powers regarding the same.

LONDON, November 24th. Lord Hartington, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said it was not decided to what distance the Railway beyond Sibiu towards Kandahar will extend.

November 25th. The Governor of South Australia has been appointed Governor of New Zealand; the Governor of Western Australia has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

The Duke of Edinburgh is indisposed with an attack of bronchitis.

Mr. Childers is in a prostrate state from over-work, and is going abroad.

Sir Andrew Clarke, Inspector General of fortifications and works, has arrived at Cairo to improve the sanitary arrangements of the quarters occupied by British forces.

November 26th. The Duke of Edinburgh is recovering from his attack of bronchitis.

A detective was shot at and killed by a Fenian at Dublin last evening. The assassin, who was arrested, was dangerously wounded by another detective. Other arrests have been made.

The Queen yesterday invested the recipients of the Orders of the Bath and of the Star of India and St. Michael and St. George at Windsor Castle.

Colonel Redvers Buller has been appointed Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George.

Mr. Raikes is far ahead of opponents in polling for the Cambridge University.

27th November. One of the jurymen in the trial of Michael Walsh, who was sentenced to death last September for shooting Constable Kavanagh at Letterfrack, County Galway, was stabbed yesterday by two assassins in Dublin and mortally wounded.

The assassins effected their escape in a car. A bailiff was stabbed later on in Dublin yesterday. Extra police have been put on in Dublin, and the whole force is now armed with revolvers.

Negotiations have been broken off between France and Madagascar. Envys from the Queen of Madagascar arrived in London yesterday.

Lord Salisbury has been presented with the freedom of Edinburgh after several days' stamping in Midlothian.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 27th November. Assin Pasha has been appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

LONDON, November 28th. The murder of the detective police officer has caused great consternation in Dublin.

It is reported that Montenegro has agreed to compromise respecting Kralatich.

Parliament is expected to prorogue on Friday next until February.

Mr. Gladstone, replying to a question in the House of Commons this evening, said that the Supplementary Estimate until October 1st amounted to £750,000 for the Army, and £310,000 for the Navy. The actual charge to India was below the estimate, and only amounted to £1,400,000. The total charge to England and India was £4,500,000. He then said that from the 1st October the Egyptian Government would pay the whole or nearly the whole expenses connected with British occupation.

Mr. Raikes has been elected member for the Cambridge University.

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 28th. It is semi-officially stated that the Porte has resolved to maintain Turkish sovereignty in the Red Sea, and to prevent the Chiefs from ceding their territory.

LONDON, November 29th. Sir C. Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons last night, said that the Russian troops had advanced as far as Gavros, which is situated between Astorabad and Baba Urma, and that the Russian Cavalry had traversed the country from Atak to Bergeca. He said it is not believed that the Russian troops had reached Merv.

A Proclamation has been issued enforcing the Curfew Clause of the Coercion Act in Dublin. A reward of £5,000 has been offered for the murderer of the Juryman in the Walsh trial.

Lord Granville, replying to a deputation, said he was unaware of the existence of any treaty conceding to the French the protectorate over Madagascar.

The Native Indian officers leave England today for Bombay.

CAIRO, November 28th. Lord Dufferin has advised the Egyptian Government to drop the charges against Arabi in connexion with the massacres and burnings in Alexandria.

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It is considered probable that the Duke of Connaught will succeed General Pown in Command of the Mysore Division at Bangalore. General Pown's term has expired, but he will probably remain till the arrival of the Duke, who would have the advantage of serving under Sir Frederick Roberts.

LONDON, November 29th. The health of the troops in Egypt is improving.

Sir A. D. Heyer, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the officers of the British army of occupation in Egypt receive a daily extra allowance of three shillings, which is chargeable to the Egyptian Government.

The Bishop of Oxford is very ill.

M. Léssès has declared that the Suez Canal Company intend spending 10 millions of francs in widening and deepening the Canal so as to raise the tonnage to six millions annually.

December 1st. Mr. Trevelyan, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said if the members of the National League continued their inflammatory speeches, the League would be suppressed.

Messrs. Williams and Reinhart are to be prosecuted, and Messrs. Davitt and Healy are to be bound in good behaviour.

December 2nd. Sir Charles Dilke, replying to a question in the House of Commons, said the Egyptian Government had applied for some British officers for the Egyptian army, and that negotiations are now proceeding.

The Duke of Edinburgh has been appointed Vice-Admiral.

The new Turkish Cabinet formed is Anglophile.

The subjoined items of general news are taken from the *London and China Express* of November 10th:—

No progress is being made with the negotiations with the Madagascan Embassy in Paris.

the Government refusing to recognise the sovereignty of Queen Ronvalo over the whole island.

Sir J. Pope Hennessy was among the visitors to the lobby of the House of Commons on the 8th inst.

Mr. C. F. A. Sangster, of the Hongkong Civil Service, has been admitted a student of the Middle Temple.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Works it was resolved that the Lord Chamberlain should be informed that the board considered the Criterion Theatre in its present structural condition unfit for a place of public entertainment.

It is semi-officially stated that the Turkish Ambassador has not yet preferred any claim to the Foreign Office to insist upon the consent of the Porte to the investment of the new Iley of Tunis, but that any such revival of an obsolete pretension, if made, will be peremptorily rejected.

The *Linsel* 5, double-screw composite gun-vessel, 767 tons, 1,030-horse power, which was commissioned on September 19th, at Chatham, by Commander Harris, with a crew of eighty-two officers and men, for the China station, to relieve the *Lily*, is now at Portsmouth awaiting her sailing orders.

Among the Hamilton MSS. just sold to the German Government is one written in golden uncial letters on purple velvet, and dates from the seventh century. It is the copy of the Gospel in Latin, presented to Henry VIII. by Leo X. on the occasion of conferring on him the title of Defender of the Faith.

The Earl of Rosebery has delivered his inaugural address as rector of the University of Edinburgh, and spoke at some length on patriotism, which he defined as the self-respect of race.

In Scotland, he thought, the spirit of patriotism required direction rather than sustenance. Let them win in the competition of international well-being and prosperity. The standard of mankind was not so exalted but that a higher could be imagined and attained.

The gunboat *Mosquito*, Lieut.-Commander Hon. F. R. Sandilands, from the China station, the crew of which performed such excellent service in the Egyptian war, was paid off in Devonport dockyard on the 7th instant. The Commander-in-Chief (Sir Houston Stewart) was in the ship as the men were quitting the vessel for their usual six weeks' leave, and shook many of them warmly by the hand as they proceeded through the gates.

Colonel E. A. Stuart, half-pay, Lothian Regiment, who has been appointed to the command of the 91st Regimental District, at Stirling, in succession to Colonel M. de la P. Beresford, served at the siege of Sebastopol, where he was severely wounded (medal with clasp, 5th Class of the Medjidie, and Turkish Metal). He served also in the campaign of 1860 in China, including the taking of Sihliu and Tangku, the occupation of Tientsin and the surrender of Peking (medal with two clasps.)

Staff-Commander John William King, R.N., of Vernon house, Worthing, died last week, in his seventieth year. The deceased entered the Navy in 1829. He served as acting master of the *Admetus* and *Wellington* on the coast of China in 1840-42, and was present at all the operations up to the capture of Ningpo. He was specially mentioned in despatches for "zeal and intelligence in surveying and sounding the different passages for the advance of the squadron, and the gallantry he displayed in the various attacks upon the enemy." Mr. King was the author of the Admiralty, Channel, Pilot, and other Sailing Directions.

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